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1. SUMMARY: REFTEL (PARA 5) MENTIONED GEISEL'S DEFENSE OF COLLEGIATE SYSTEM OF DECISIONMAKING. THIS MESSAGE GIVES FULLER COVERAGE OF GEISEL'S STATED INTENTION TO EXTEND THIS SYSTEM TO THE POLITICAL FIELD. END SUMMARY

2. REVIEWING PROGRESS TOWARD A POLITICAL OPENING DURING THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF HIS ADMINISTRATION IN HIS JANUARY 30 SPEECH, GEISEL POINTED TO IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENCY AND THE "POLITICAL CLASS" AS A MAJOR ACHIEVEMENT. "IN THIS SENSE", HE SAID, "I WISH TO REGISTER THE GOVERNMENT'S FUNDAMENTAL CONCERN WITH IMPLANTING AN EXPANDED COLLEGIATE SYSTEM FOR ADVISING THE RESIDENT IN THE MAKING OF HIS PRINCIPAL DECISIONS. ASIDE FROM THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE HIGH COMMAND OF THE ARMED FORCES, THERE WERE THUS ESTABLISHED TWO OTHER HIGH-LEVEL SECTORAL ORGANS--

THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL AND THE SOCIAL

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DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL -- AS WELL AS AN INFORMALLY AND

TENTATIVELY FUNCTIONING COUNCIL FOR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, WHICH I HOPE TO SEE TAKE ON AN EQUALLY RELEVANT ROLE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS."

2. ACCORDING TO NEWS STORIES QUOTING SOURCES AT THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE, THE INFORMAL POLITICAL COUNCIL MET TWICE DURING 1974, AND WAS COMPOSED OF THE PRESIDENT, CHIEF OF THE CIVIL HOUSEHOLD GOLBERI, MINISTER OF JUSTICE FALCAO, PRESIDENT OF THE ARENA PARTY AND SENATE MAJORITY LEADER PETRONIO PORTELLA, AND CHAMBER MAJORITY LEADER CELIO BORJA. THE COUNCIL MIGHT BE FORMALIZED EARLY IN THE NEW YEAR, THE STORIES CONTINUE, AFTER THE NEW LEADERSHIP OF THE CONGRESS HAS BEEN CHOSEN, AND WOULD POSSIBLY BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THE PRESIDENTS OF THE SENATE AND CHAMBER. ALMOST CERTAINLY, ACCORDING TO THESE ACCOUNTS, THE OPPOSITION MDB LEADERSHIP WOULD BE CALLED UPON TO TAKE PART IN COUNCIL SESSIONS ON AN AD HOC BASIS WHENEVER QUESTIONS OF NATIONAL POLITICAL SIGNIFICANCE -- SUCH AS ELECTORAL AND POLITICAL REFORMS -- WERE TO BE DISCUSSED. MDB SENATE VICE-LEADER NELSON CARNEIRO IS QUOTED AS AGREEING THAT THE MDB WOULD TAKE PART IN COUNCIL MEETINGS ON SUCH A BASIS, SINCE THIS KIND OF FORUM FOR DEBATE" ... IS A CHARACTERISTIC OF DEMOCRACY ITSELF... IN DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES LIKE THE UNITED STATES."

3. COMMENT: ON FIRST APPEARANCE, THE CREATION OF A COUNCIL FOR POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT, AS A "SECTORAL ORGAN", APPEARS TO SMACK OF PATERNALISTIC AND CORPORATIST TENDENCIES, WITH GENERAL GOLBERI AS ITS PUTATIVE INTELLECTUAL FATHER. THE COUNCIL WOULD APPEAR TO BE A MEANS THROUGH WHICH THE MORE BITTER OF POLITICAL DISAGREEMENTS COULD BE AIRED OUT OF PUBLIC VIEW ALTHOUGH THIS COULD BE A MEANS OF CIRCUMVENTING THE CLASSIC ROLE OF CONGRESS AS A POLITICAL FORUM, IT COULD ALSO BE A MEANS TO AVOID THE SORT OF ACrimonious PUBLIC DEBATE THAT WOULD COMPLICATE PROGRESS TOWARD A POLITICAL OPENING, WHILE, AT THE SAME TIME, ASSURING THE MDB - AND THE ARENA - LEADERSHIP DIRECT AND EFFECTIVE ACCESS TO THE PRESIDENT ON IMPORTANT ISSUES. IT IS DOUBTFUL, HOWEVER, THAT THE "AUTENTICO" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WING OF THE MDB WOULD ACCEPT ANY REGIMEN THAT REQUIRED IT TO AVOID CRITICISM OF THE GOVERNMENT.
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